

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5. This sheet, which includes Fig. 5, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

This Amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of June 15, 2007.

The Office Action rejected claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,889,543). Claims 1-41 are allowed. The Office Action was made final.

In response, applicants have amended claim 42. Support for this amendment is found in Paragraphs 78-82, Figure 5, and throughout the specification.

Additionally, claims 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, and 32-41 are amended to revise the subject matter of the claim from “ink tank” to “inkjet printer” to match the subject matter of the base claims which these claims depend on.

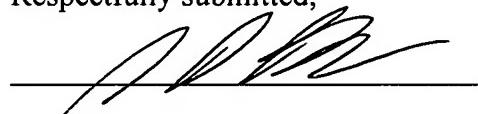
Further, Figure 5 is amended by replacing the reference numbers “101” and “101A” with “101A” and “101B” respectively to be consistence with disclosure in the specification. These changes are made to make the identifying numeral consistent with the specification. No new matter is being added.

Rejection of Claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Miyazawa

In response to the Office Action of June 15, 2007, Applicant has amended claim 42 to more clearly specify the configuration disclosed in Figure 5 of the present invention. The amendment incorporates the elements of allowed claim 1. Further, the amendment clarifies the orientation and description of a divider shown in Figure 5 as 101A or 101B.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims as presently amended now distinguish over the prior art and the application is in condition for allowance. A request for a two-month extension of time, a request for continued examination, and fees are enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

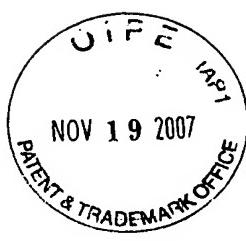
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FIG. 5

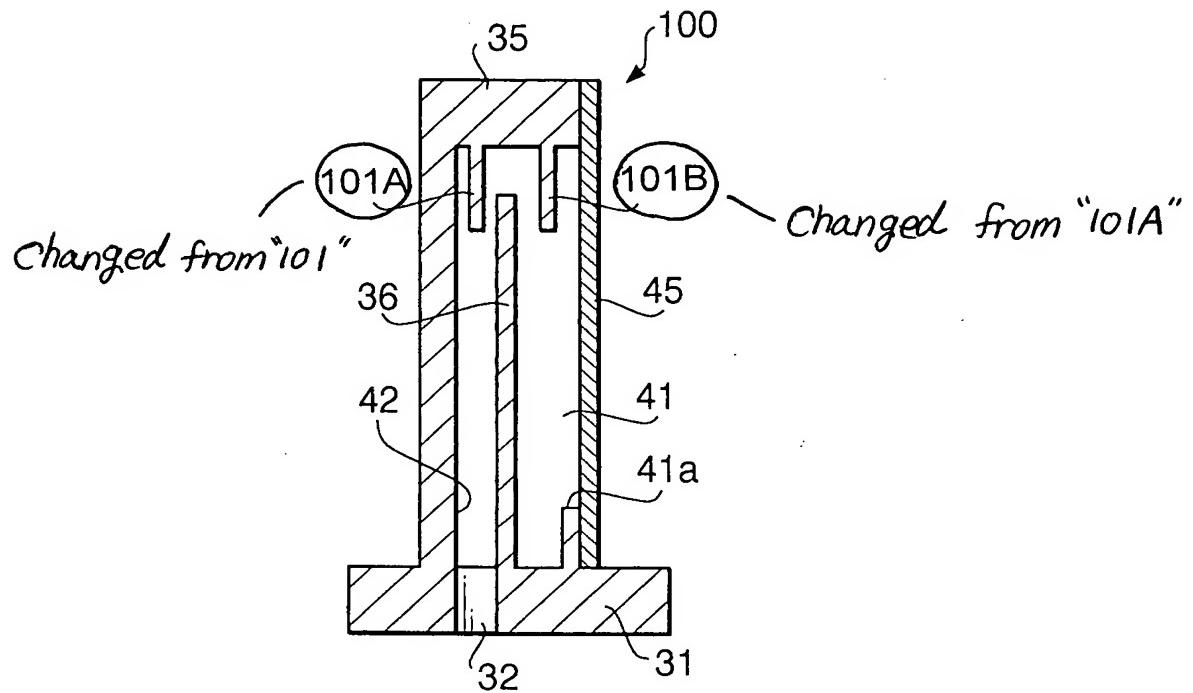


FIG. 6

